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ROME FOR LABATT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, PO

SUBJ: MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL UNITED SEAMEN'S SERVICE

1. EMBASSY'S LABATT HAS RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ISABLE MONTI IN ROME WHO IS INQUIRING ABOUT RECOMMENDED FIRST-CLASS HOTE ACCOMMODATIONS IN LISBON FOR COMBINED MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 24-26 BY US-BASED UNITED SEAMEN'S SERVICES AND A SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, THE ICUFF. MEETING WILL REPORTEDLY BRING HEADS OF MARTIME UNIONS FROM A NUMBER OF WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO PORTUGAL. LABATT TOLD MS. MONTI THAT EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO LABATT, ROME. MS. MONTI IS AWARE THAT DATE SCHEDULED FOR MEETING COINCIDES WITH THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION.

2. FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, AND USE AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PROPOSED MEETING COULD BE USEFUL METHOD OF FOMENTING INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS WITH THE PORTUGUESE MARTIME UNIONS. SUCH CONTACTS MORELIKELY TO BE BENEFICIAL IF THEY ARE EXTRA-OFFICIAL AND MEETING ITSELF IS LOW-KEY AND LIMITED TO SEAMEN'S SERVICES. RECENT ICFTU-SPONSORED LABOR SEMINAR RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOLLOWING ICFTU PRESS CONFERENCE AS MEDIA PORTRAYED SEMINAR AS FOREIGN MEDDLING IN PORTUGUESE

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LABOR AFFAIRS.

3. HOTELS FITTING DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY MS.MONTI ARE THE
TIVOLI, TIVOLI JARDIM, ALTIS, AND DON CARLOS. RATES RUN ABOUT
DOLS 15-20 BUT LOWER RATES POSSIBLY AVAILABLE FOR GROUP OF 15-20
PERSONS.

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